

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
EASTERN DIVISION

FILED IN OPEN COURT
ON 9-14-2023
Peter A. Moore, Jr., Clerk
US District Court
Eastern District of NC
JKA

NO. 4:23-CR-50-BO-KS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

v.)

CLAUDE EDSSEL BROOKS, JR.)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT ONE

On or about February 22, 2023, in the Eastern District of North Carolina, the defendant, CLAUDE EDSSEL BROOKS, JR., did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a quantity of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

COUNT TWO

On or about February 22, 2023, in the Eastern District of North Carolina, the defendant, CLAUDE EDSSEL BROOKS, JR., did knowingly possess a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, as charged in Count One of this Indictment, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

COUNT THREE

On or about February 22, 2023, in the Eastern District of North Carolina, the defendant, CLAUDE EDSSEL BROOKS, JR., knowing he had previously been convicted.

of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year, knowingly possessed a firearm, and the firearm was in and affecting commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924.

COUNT FOUR

On or about March 20, 2023, in the Eastern District of North Carolina, the defendant, CLAUDE EDSEL BROOKS, JR., did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a quantity of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

COUNT FIVE

On or about March 20, 2023, in the Eastern District of North Carolina, the defendant, CLAUDE EDSEL BROOKS, JR., did knowingly possess a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, as charged in Count Four of this Indictment, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

COUNT SIX

On or about March 20, 2023, in the Eastern District of North Carolina, the defendant, CLAUDE EDSEL BROOKS, JR., knowing he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year, knowingly possessed a firearm, and the firearm was in and affecting commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924.

FORFEITURE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all right, title and interest in the property described herein is subject to forfeiture.

Upon conviction of any felony violation of the Controlled Substances Act charged herein, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the said offense, and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of the said offense.

Upon conviction of any violation of the Gun Control Act, the National Firearms Act, or any other offense charged herein that involved or was perpetrated in whole or in part by the use of firearms or ammunition, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and/or 26 U.S.C. § 5872, as made applicable by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), any and all firearms and ammunition that were involved in or used in a knowing or willful commission of the offense, or that were intended to be used in any offense identified in 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(3), or, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3665, that were found in the possession or under the immediate control of the defendant at the time of arrest.

The forfeitable property includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Personal Property:

- a) One Taurus PT 111 G2C, 9mm caliber pistol, bearing serial number 1C138985, seized on February 22, 2023, from the vehicle of CLAUDE EDSEL

BROOKS, JR., and any and all associated ammunition,

- b) One SCCY CPX-2 9mm pistol, bearing serial number C105380, seized on March 20, 2023, from 223 Buckingham Road Winterville, NC 28590, and
- c) One Taurus PT 111 G2A, 9mm caliber pistol, bearing serial number 1C134177, seized on March 20, 2023, from 223 Buckingham Road Winterville, NC 28590.

If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of a defendant: cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; has been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty; it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described above.

REDACTED VERSION

Pursuant to the E-Government Act and the federal rules, the unredacted version of this document has been filed under seal.

11/07/2023
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